



CORK ARTS THEATRE

Calling all playwrights... we are now taking submissions for our next short play event...

VIEWS FROM... A BAR STOOL

Submissions are now being sought for our next "Views from..." short play event.

This year - the fourth in this series - we have chosen the setting to be **"Views from a Bar Stool"**.

Once again we are asking you to write a short play (approx. 10 minutes) which, this time out, is set in a bar.

We are looking for plays with **strong, relatable characters** and plots that are **character-driven**.

In his book, *'A More Perfect Ten'*, author Gary Garrison says that "...the ten minute play should be a **self-contained story** with **compelling characters** that advances a conflict and pushes the dramatic tension towards some sort of resolution...". Compelling characters are those who have "...**needs, wants and desires** in the situation you create for them."

The plays can be **comedic, dramatic, farcical or tragic**. In fact, we always try to have a variety of genres in the final 8-10 plays to be staged.

Please note the following important staging requirements...

- All the action must take place in the bar.
- The entire stage will be the bar set so there will not be the possibility for other acting areas/locations.
- Entrances will be from the wings (left and right of the stage).
- Only basic stage furniture is allowed (eg. bar stools, tables and, of course, a bar counter. Other bar-related furniture such as pool table, jukebox, cigarette machine, etc. will not be possible.)

The important date!!... Submission deadline is **Thursday 1st March, 2018.**

Note:

As this event is primarily a fund-raising event for the Cork Arts Theatre, we are not in a position to pay performance royalties to playwrights.

Performances will take place from Tuesday 1st to Saturday 5th, May, 2018.

Plays should be submitted by email as either Word documents or PDFs to: james@horgancommunications.com

If you have any questions on the event feel free to drop me a line at the same email address above.

We look forward to receiving and reading your plays!

James Horgan
Chairman, Cork Arts Theatre

